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Applicants: Joseph G. Laura § Group Art Unit: 2192

Filed: October 30, 2003 §

For: IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRIBUTED § Confirmation No.: 9244

AND ASYNCHRONOUS PROCESSING §

COBOL §

Interview Request Attachment

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated February 22, 2007, and respectfully requests the following proposed amendments and arguments for discussion in a telephone interview. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

Listing of Proposed Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling COBOL programs for distributed processing, comprising:

providing a <u>COBOL</u> technical layer <u>stored on a computer-readable medium</u> for use by

[[a]] COBOL programs, the technical layer enabling a distributed processing

module through bit-level operating system calls;

employing, by the COBOL program, the distributed processing module to enable the COBOL program to perform distributed processing, the COBOL program and the COBOL technical layer operating in the same runtime environment.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for enabling distributed and asynchronous processing by

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COBOL programs on a computer, comprising:

a-computer system;

- a COBOL extension layer stored on a computer-readable medium enabling at least one module operable for a distributed and asynchronous processing task through bit-level operating system calls; and
- a program_stored on a computer-readable medium written in COBOL programming language for the computer system, the program employing the module to perform the distributed and asynchronous processing task on the computer system; and
- a computer system that executes the COBOL program to perform the distributed and asynchronous processing task.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A COBOL compiler stored on a computer-readable medium that compiles COBOL programs such that the for enabling COBOL programs [[to]] perform distributed and asynchronous processing, the COBOL compiler comprising:

an engine to compile a COBOL program; and

a distributed and asynchronous processing module to enable distributed and asynchronous processing by the COBOL programs through bit-level operating system calls; and an engine that compiles the COBOL programs using the distributed and asynchronous processing module.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for cnabling COBOL programs for asynchronous processing, comprising:

providing a COBOL technical layer stored on a computer-readable medium for use by

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[[a]] COBOL programs, the technical layer enabling an asynchronous processing module through bit-level operating system calls;

providing executing a COBOL program stored on a computer-readable medium; and employing, by the COBOL program, the asynchronous processing module to enable the COBOL program to perform asynchronous processing, the COBOL program and the COBOL technical layer operating in the same runtime environment.

Discussion Agenda

- Discuss whether the proposed claim amendments satisfy 35 U.S.C. 101.
- PERCobol is not a COBOL technical layer that enables distributed and asynchronous processing through bit-level operating system calls as required by the proposed claims.
 - o PERCobol is a Java technical layer (i.e., transforms COBOL source code into Java executables).

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2286.

Respectfully submitted,

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